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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 732-6000; fax: (401) 732-0261.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Advisory Panel will review the general workload for 2016 based on Council priorities and will discuss recommendations for the Committee and Council to consider for setting overall five year research priorities. The Advisory Panel will also review outcomes from the recent scallop workshop and may discuss recommendations for the Committee and Council to consider in future actions. The Advisory Panel will review a work plan for the required five year report that will evaluate the limited access general category IFQ program. Other business may be discussed.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 2, 2016.

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